

KEOWEE KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (KKCP)

Coordination of Services

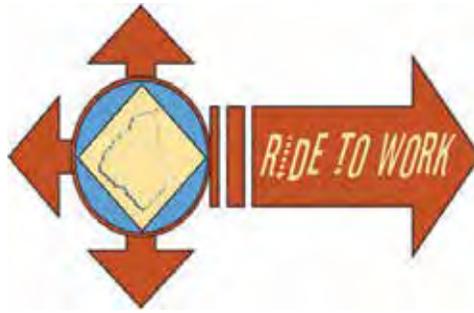
Among Our Community Partners

Keowee Key Community Partnership has twenty-two different Community Partners that each play a vital role in helping those in our community in need of special services. Articles published in the *Scuttlebutt* over the past three years have introduced the services that each Partner provides. In this article, the focus will be on how several of our Partners coordinate their benefits to assist the same individuals.

There are several nonprofits with whom we partner that focus on helping individuals who want to change their lives to become productive and independent members of our community. For instance, Our Daily Rest is a homeless shelter that is driven by a single goal – “to help people experiencing homelessness who want to help themselves find their way to financial independence and a home.” Ripple of One is another Community Partner that also has a simple but powerful focus: to “empower families and young adults to move beyond public assistance and into their full God-given potential.”

Emergency and supplemental food are provided to those in need of temporary relief by Golden Corner Food Pantry, another Community Partner. Oconee County Habitat for Humanity is another KKCP Partner that works in “partnership with motivated people to build decent, affordable housing” for those in need.

Ride to Work Ministry (RTW) began in 2017 and is also a Community Partner. It came into existence when it became apparent to volunteers working with the nonprofits listed above (and other groups) that there was a serious need in Oconee County that was not being met. Individuals were making significant changes in their lives through the services discussed above, had a strong desire to work, and were qualified for employment, but had no means to physically get to work. RTW is unique among these groups because it has no paid staff and no office/building. The volunteer Board of Directors of RTW actually meets at another Community Partner’s location.



The mission of Ride to Work is to provide temporary low-cost rides to and from work for residents of Oconee County. The goal is to assist them in transitioning to stable employment and becoming self-sufficient. About thirty-five percent of their riders are referred from Our Daily Rest, but referrals also come from all of the groups discussed above.

Success of the program comes from volunteer coaches. Men coach men and women coach women, and training is provided for all volunteers. Coaches assist in helping clients transition to self-sufficiency which is very rewarding. In addition to volunteers and financial donations, donations of cars are also greatly appreciated. RTW gives riders who qualify the opportunity to buy a car by paying whatever repair costs are needed.

By coordinating all their services, our Community Partners can assist the less fortunate members of our community to become independent and productive members of our community. They are all worthy of our time and financial donations to help them accomplish their goals, especially during this holiday season.

RTW wants to thank Keowee Key members for their generous donations in helping them meet their goal of \$35,000 to qualify for matching funds. This project appeared in a recent *Scuttlebutt* article.

For more information about Ride to Work, or any of our other partners, please visit our website located on Member Central under Philanthropy. Remember, when you donate to Ride to Work or any of our other Partners,

please write KKCP on the memo line of your check.

Keowee Key Community Partnership (KKCP) partners with deserving, effective, nonprofit organizations that make a difference in Oconee County. These Partners record those donations from Keowee Key but report only cumulative results back to KKCP, enabling KKCP to seek matching funds. No individual donor names or donation amounts are ever shared with KKCP by Partners, and no money passes to or through KKCP.